

Sponsorships and Scholarships

A sponsorship is a way in which you, a donor, can establish a relationship with a poor Mexican child that can deepen and expand over the years as that child grows into adulthood. As a sponsor you will receive a photo of the child and annual progress reports. If you visit Colima, we will arrange for you to meet your sponsored child. Photos of children needing sponsors are available on-line at www.projectamigo.org.



Elementary School Children

Sponsorships help pay for the Christmas *fiesta* and beach trip, and a new set of clothes, as well as medical, dental, and educational services provided by Project Amigo volunteers. Minimum donation \$95.

Scholarship Students

These sponsorships help provide school uniforms and shoes, gym clothes and tennis shoes, school supplies, tuition, transportation, and one hot meal a day. In addition, students who must live away from home to continue their schooling receive room and board. Minimum donations, per year: junior high students, \$420; high school students, \$600; college students, \$4,000.

Volunteer Opportunities

Winter Work Weeks

Each winter volunteers come to Colima to work, meet the children, visit with Mexican Rotarians, and learn more about the people and culture of western Mexico. Work can include electrical and plumbing repairs to group homes, helping children with their English homework, or reading to children. For the current volunteer schedule contact us or visit our website at www.projectamigo.org.

Volunteer Professional Services

People with professional skills needed in Project Amigo programs -- dentists, computer technicians, plumbers, electricians, ESL teachers - are invited to inquire about longer-term volunteer opportunities.

Special Projects

Project Amigo puts together the skills and financial resources of North American Rotarians and Rotary Clubs with worthwhile projects which benefit disadvantaged children and their families in Mexico.

Project Amigo administers Rotary Foundation Matching Grants which can double your Club's donation for qualified projects. Previously these projects have included low-cost houses for homeless families, medical and dental equipment, construction of playgrounds, and computer labs and libraries for rural schools.

In-Kind Donations

We maintain a Wish List of specific items we need, such as lap-top computers for young scholars, Spanish-language children's books, school supplies, and good used children's clothing. Please contact us if you would like to donate any items. The current list can be found on our website. All donations are tax deductible.



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Services to Primary School Children

Medical and Dental Care

Project Amigo provides dental, vision, and hearing screening and treatment -- services that are not otherwise available to poor children and their families.

Literacy Initiative

Project Amigo donates mini-libraries to schools and children's group homes and gives away thousands of fun, colorful books to poor children every year. In addition, volunteers read with children whose parents cannot do so.

Distribution of Donated Items

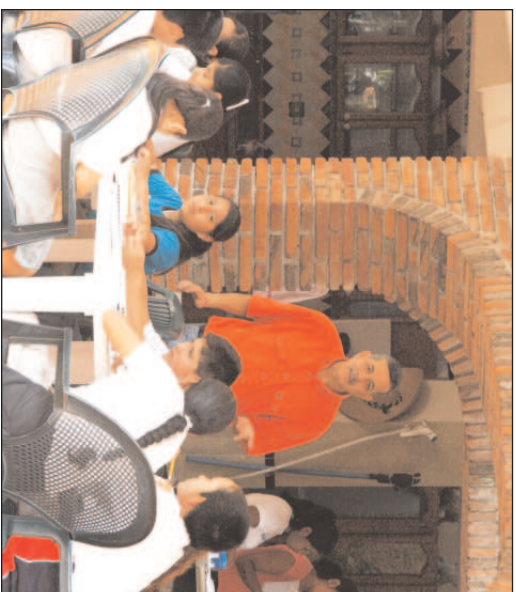
Project Amigo accepts donations of useful items, such as school supplies and good used children's clothes, and distributes them to needy children, schools, and group homes.



Enrichment Activities

Every year Project Amigo and the Colima Rotary Club host a Christmas party for hundreds of poor children at which they receive a new set of clothes and shoes, and a small toy. In February the children get to spend a day at the beach. Other outings include the State Fair and local museums.

Scholarships for Young Students



Jr High and High School Scholarships

The costs of attending junior high and high school are beyond the means of many rural families. Without scholarships, schooling for the children served by Project Amigo would probably end at sixth grade, and they would begin working in menial jobs and look forward to lives of grinding poverty. Through sponsorships and donations to our Scholarship Fund, Project Amigo is opening up a new future for these children -- one in which they can work with their minds, not their backs.

College Scholarship Fund

Scholarship recipients who successfully complete high school are eligible for a Project Amigo College Scholarship to the University of Colima. Some of our young scholars are outstanding students with real potential to become doctors, lawyers, teachers and community leaders. When these children enter a profession they, and their whole family, will break the cycle of poverty that has imprisoned them for generations. Your donation to our College Scholarship Fund can make this happen for students for years to come.

Homework Clubs and Academic Prizes

All scholarship students attend weekly Homework Clubs, staffed by volunteers in six different locations throughout the state of Colima. At the homework clubs they receive tutoring, mentoring and counseling. Our best scholarship students receive incentive rewards - pizza-movie nights, a trip to Guadalajara, or a new bicycle. The Homework Clubs and academic rewards and prizes are paid for by your donations to our Scholarship Fund.



Casa Amiga

Casa Amiga is Project Amigo's boarding house for young women students in the city of Colima. The girls live there during the week in order to attend good schools unavailable in their home villages. At Casa Amiga the girls receive room and board, a study hall complete with computers and internet, and access to urban academic resources and cultural events. In addition to the girls who live there, other scholarship students come to Casa Amiga to eat, to study, use the computers and attend Homework Club.